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4. [REDACTED] - GLC) Met with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and gave him a paper prepared by [REDACTED] OPPB, on the status of the cuts imposed by the House Appropriations Committee to the Agency's budget. I told McConnell again that the subject of how to handle the [REDACTED] was still up in the air but we were relying on him and Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, to work this out. I said we would be happy to discuss it further any time he wished. He said the Senate Committee would probably focus on this issue next week.

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I briefed McConnell on the inquiry we had received from Mark Bender, Congressional Quarterly, for our views on three questions he posed regarding the Agency's relationships with the Congress and the impact of such things as the [REDACTED]. I told McConnell that Bill Colby preferred not to have us speak to Bender for the record on this subject, but I provided McConnell with some material we had prepared which he might want to use in any future conversations he might have with Bender on the subject.

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Murphy reviewed the role he has played for Senator Baker and Senator Symington in the Andrew St. George issue. In response to some needling from me, he assured me that he was responding to directions from these two Senators on Watergate issues but was not coming up with any recommendations on his own.

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6. [REDACTED] GLC) Dick Ober called to say that it is his information from contacts in the Office of Public Safety, AID, that the House/Senate conferees have limited the application of the amendment in the Foreign Aid bill which relates to [REDACTED] and all other restrictions have been eliminated. I told him this confirmed information we had received from House Foreign Affairs Committee sources.

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